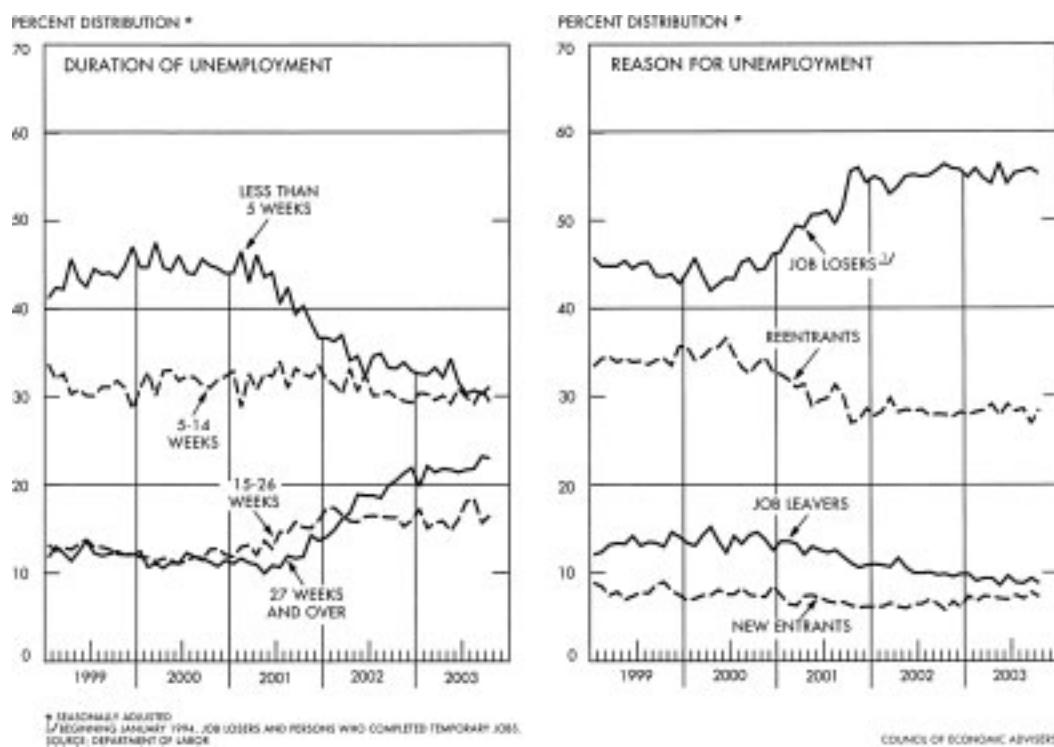


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In October, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 15-26 weeks rose; the percentages for 5-14 weeks and for 27 weeks and over fell. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 19.1 weeks and the median duration rose to 10.3 weeks.



^a SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
^b BEGINNING JANUARY 1994, JOB LOSERS AND PERSONS WHO COMPLETED TEMPORARY JOBS.
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

| Period | Unemployment (thousands) | Duration of unemployment | | | | Reason for unemployment: percent distribution | | | | State programs | | Insured unemployment, all regular programs (unadjusted) ² | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|---|--------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|--|----------------|-------|
| | | Percent distribution | | | | Number of weeks | | Job losers ¹ | Job leavers | Reentrants | New entrants | Insured unemployment | Initial claims | |
| | | Less than 5 weeks | 5-14 weeks | 15-26 weeks | 27 weeks and over | Average (mean) | Median | | | | | | | |
| 1993 | 8,940 | 36.5 | 28.9 | 14.5 | 20.1 | 18.0 | 8.3 | 54.2 | 10.9 | 24.6 | 10.3 | 2,751 | 341 | 2,845 |
| 1994 ³ | 7,996 | 34.1 | 30.1 | 15.5 | 20.3 | 18.8 | 9.2 | 47.7 | 9.9 | 34.8 | 7.6 | 2,670 | 340 | 2,739 |
| 1995 | 7,404 | 36.5 | 31.6 | 14.6 | 17.3 | 16.6 | 8.3 | 46.9 | 11.1 | 34.1 | 7.8 | 2,572 | 357 | 2,633 |
| 1996 | 7,236 | 36.4 | 31.6 | 14.6 | 17.4 | 16.7 | 8.3 | 46.6 | 10.7 | 34.7 | 8.0 | 2,595 | 356 | 2,650 |
| 1997 | 6,739 | 37.7 | 31.7 | 14.8 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 8.0 | 45.1 | 11.8 | 34.7 | 8.4 | 2,323 | 323 | 2,366 |
| 1998 | 6,210 | 42.2 | 31.4 | 12.3 | 14.1 | 14.5 | 6.7 | 45.5 | 11.8 | 34.3 | 8.4 | 2,222 | 321 | 2,257 |
| 1999 | 5,880 | 43.7 | 31.2 | 12.8 | 12.3 | 13.4 | 6.4 | 44.6 | 13.3 | 34.1 | 8.0 | 2,188 | 298 | 2,219 |
| 2000 | 5,692 | 44.9 | 31.9 | 11.8 | 11.4 | 12.6 | 5.9 | 44.2 | 13.7 | 34.5 | 7.6 | 2,110 | 301 | 2,141 |
| 2001 | 6,801 | 42.0 | 32.3 | 14.0 | 11.8 | 13.1 | 6.8 | 51.1 | 12.3 | 29.9 | 6.8 | 2,974 | 404 | 3,007 |
| 2002 | 8,378 | 34.5 | 30.8 | 16.3 | 18.3 | 16.6 | 9.1 | 55.0 | 10.3 | 28.3 | 6.4 | 3,585 | 407 | 3,618 |
| 2002: Oct | 8,405 | 33.2 | 29.9 | 16.3 | 20.5 | 17.6 | 9.6 | 56.4 | 9.9 | 27.9 | 5.8 | 3,601 | 411 | 3,934 |
| Nov | 8,637 | 33.9 | 29.5 | 15.3 | 21.3 | 17.9 | 9.4 | 55.9 | 9.6 | 27.7 | 6.8 | 3,486 | 390 | 3,081 |
| Dec | 8,711 | 32.9 | 29.3 | 16.0 | 21.9 | 18.4 | 9.6 | 55.8 | 9.9 | 28.2 | 6.1 | 3,478 | 409 | 3,905 |
| 2003: Jan | 8,302 | 32.6 | 30.4 | 17.2 | 19.8 | 18.4 | 9.8 | 54.9 | 9.9 | 27.9 | 7.4 | 3,361 | 388 | 3,968 |
| Feb | 8,450 | 32.5 | 30.3 | 15.1 | 22.1 | 18.6 | 9.4 | 55.9 | 9.1 | 28.2 | 6.8 | 3,429 | 409 | 4,172 |
| Mar | 8,445 | 33.3 | 29.6 | 15.7 | 21.4 | 18.0 | 9.6 | 54.8 | 9.4 | 28.4 | 7.4 | 3,514 | 423 | 4,348 |
| Apr | 8,786 | 32.2 | 30.1 | 15.9 | 21.8 | 19.6 | 10.2 | 54.2 | 9.4 | 29.1 | 7.3 | 3,622 | 443 | 3,708 |
| May | 8,998 | 34.3 | 29.2 | 14.8 | 21.7 | 19.2 | 10.1 | 56.5 | 8.6 | 27.8 | 7.1 | 3,716 | 432 | 3,270 |
| June | 9,358 | 31.6 | 30.9 | 16.1 | 21.4 | 19.8 | 12.3 | 54.2 | 9.7 | 29.1 | 7.0 | 3,726 | 427 | 3,674 |
| July | 9,062 | 30.3 | 29.9 | 18.1 | 21.7 | 19.3 | 10.0 | 55.4 | 8.9 | 28.3 | 7.5 | 3,625 | 406 | 3,278 |
| Aug | 8,905 | 30.7 | 29.2 | 18.4 | 21.8 | 19.0 | 9.6 | 55.6 | 8.8 | 28.6 | 7.1 | 3,630 | 402 | 3,379 |
| Sept | 8,973 | 30.3 | 30.8 | 15.7 | 23.2 | 19.7 | 10.1 | 55.9 | 9.4 | 26.9 | 7.8 | 3,626 | r 403 | 3,213 |
| Oct | 8,779 | 31.1 | 29.4 | 16.5 | 23.0 | 19.1 | 10.3 | 55.3 | 8.8 | 28.5 | 7.3 | r 381 | | |

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE) Railroad (RR) programs included through 1993. Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

³ Data beginning January 1994 are not directly comparable with data for earlier periods.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).